(b) and (c) As a measure of rehabilitation of widows of soldiers killed in Kargil operation, they have been paid an *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 10 lakhs each and have been sanctioned Liberalised Family Pension equal to the last pay drawn by the deceased soldier. They have also been given as amount of Rs. 5 lakhs for housing and Rs. 1 lakhs per child or Rs. 2 lakhs per family for education of children from the National Defence Fund. There are only two cases in which next of kin of martyrs are yet to be paid the above benefits as their dependents have filed cases in Courts.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has formulated a special scheme earmarking 500 LPG/Retail outlet distributorship for direct allotment to the widows/next of kin of Kargil Martyrs. Applications received from 460 widows/ next of kin of Kargil martyrs have been forwarded by the Directorate General Resettlement to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. That Ministry has approved allotment of 429 outlets to the martyr of Kargil dependents. Action to approve the remaining outlets is being taken with that Ministry.

Identification of vulnerable areas of the coastline

4806. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has identified the coastline which is vulnerable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) The Indian Navy and the Coast Guard have identified the vulnerable coastline and sensitive coastal areas of Tamil Nadu. Maharashtra and Gujarat including the Island territories of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep. These areas are under constant surveillance.

Medium of question paper for admission test in RIMC

†4807. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had given an assurance on 20th November, 2000 in the meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry that he will take action on the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

demand for providing Hindi question paper as an alternative of English question paper in the entrance examination for class VII at Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun; and

(b) if so, the action taken so far /proposed to be taken on the assurance ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir. (b) RIMC entrance written examinations are conducted twice in a year during June and December under arrangement of All State Government and UT Administrations. The candidates are examined in three subjects in written examination *i.e.* English, Mathematics and General Knowledge. Since June 2001, the question papers for the entrance examination of RIMC, Dehradun are made available in bi-lingual (English & Hindi) or even in regional languages based on the demand by States except for English paper. As such, the assurance given by the Defence Minister is being implemented.

Selling of mirage fighter planes to Pakistan

4808. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Qatar proposes to sell some mirage fighter planes to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the number thereof ;

(c) whether India has taken up the matter with Qatar expressing its objections; and

(d) if so, the response of Qatar thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Qatar has invited various countries including Pakistan to evaluate 12 Mirage-2000 aircraft for sale.

(c) and (d) Government have taken appropriate steps in this regard.